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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- The international application as originally filed/furnished

- the description:

pages _____ 1-107 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- the claims:

pages _____ 3, 4, 6-11, 16, 17, 20-22 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ 2, 5, 13, 15, 19, 26-29 _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- the drawings:

pages _____ 1-65 _____, as originally filed/furnished

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- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____ 1, 12, 14, 18, 23-25 _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2-11, 13, 15-17, 19-22, 26-29	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-11, 13, 15-17, 19-22, 26-29	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	2-11, 13, 15-17, 19-22, 26-29	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP, 11-143486, A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.), 28 May, 1999 (28.05.99)

Claims 2, 26 and 27

Document 1 does not describe the constitution described in these claims, "one or more reference models are selected from among reference models based on the use information that is the information relating to the attributes to be covered by speech recognition."

Claims 5, 28 and 29

Document 1 does not describe the constitution described in these claims, "the structure of a standard model to be produced is decided based on at least either the specification information that is the information relating to the use of the standard model to be produced or the use information that is the information relating to the attributes to be covered by speech recognition."

Claim 13

Document 1 does not describe the constitution described in this claim, "the reference model storing means stores a pair of reference models different at least in the number of mixed Gaussian distributions, and the statistic estimating section calculates the statistics of a standard model for maximizing or maximalizing the probability or likelihood of the standard model to represent the said pair of reference models."

Claim 15

Document 1 does not describe the constitution described in this claim, "at least either acquiring a reference model from outside for storing it into a reference model storing means or producing a new reference model for storing it into the said reference model storing means, and at least either renewing or adding a reference model to be stored by the said reference model storing means are performed."

Claim 19

Document 1 does not describe the constitution described in this claim, "the initial value of the statistics specifying a standard model decided in its structure is decided based on the class ID used for identifying the kind of the standard model."

The respective constitutions of the claims other than those described above are the constitutions (a) quoting the constitutions of the aforesaid claims and (b) further restricting them.